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# BETRAYED!

IN THE YEAR 20XX, A SUPER ROBOT NAMED MEGA MAN HAS PLEDGED TO STOP THE EVIL DESIRES OF DR. WILY AND PROTECT THE WORLD. MEGA MAN NOW FIGHTS ALONGSIDE HIS FELLOW ROBOT MASTERS TO DEFEAT THE FORCES OF EVIL!



**CHARACTER  
= SELECT =**



**MEGA MAN**  
BATTLE-WEARY ROBOT



**DR. LIGHT**  
IDEALISTIC INVENTOR



**BREAK MAN**  
DR. WILY'S ENFORCER



**DR. WILY**  
EGOMANIAC

# MEGA MAN™

## PREVIOUSLY...

### THE DOCTOR IS IN

Dr. Light built the super-robot Gamma to be a force of good. Its size and power could handle any global catastrophe. The titan needed the power of eight Energy Elements to operate – crystalline batteries of unequalled power. These Energy Elements were stolen by the eight “rogue” Robot Masters on the day of Gamma’s unveiling.



But the Robot Masters were secretly following the orders of Dr. Wily. Having been cleared of all crimes, the mad genius was working with Dr. Light while under house arrest. While Mega Man and his creator were busy chasing down the Robot Masters, Dr. Wily was plotting to steal Gamma.



And now it's time for  
Dr. Wily  
to strike...

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MEGA MAN  
SUPER FIGHTING  
ROBOT (WHO  
NEEDS A BREAK)

FASTER,  
BOY,  
FASTER!

MEGA MAN TO LIGHT  
LABS--*AGAIN!* MY TELE-  
PORT SIGNAL IS BEING  
BLOCKED AND NO-  
BODY IS ANSWERING!  
SOMEBODY *SAY* SOME-  
THING SO I CAN STOP--

The **ULTIMATE**  
**BETRAYAL**  
PART ONE:  
Making it Personal

RUSH JET  
FAITHFUL ROBO-DOG  
(IN FLIGHT MODE)



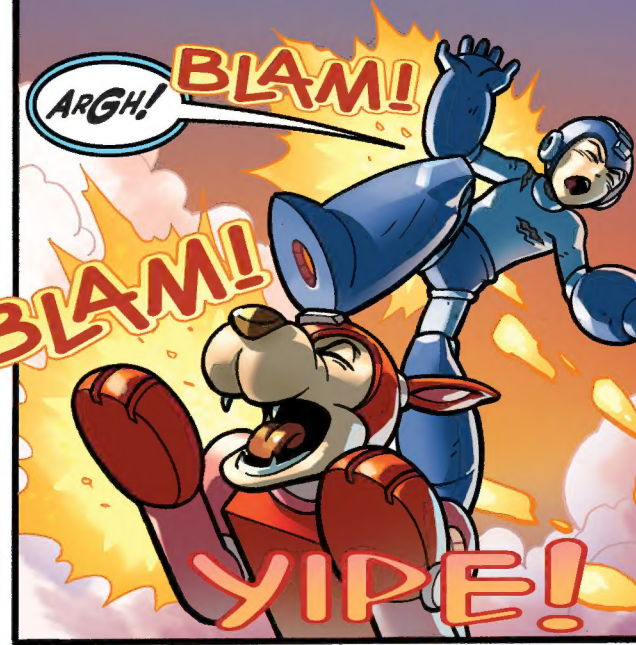
--WORRYING.

WHY IS THE LAB  
ON FIRE?!

LAND, RUSH!  
WE'VE GOT TO  
SEE IF--!



WAIT A MINUTE  
...THAT'S--!

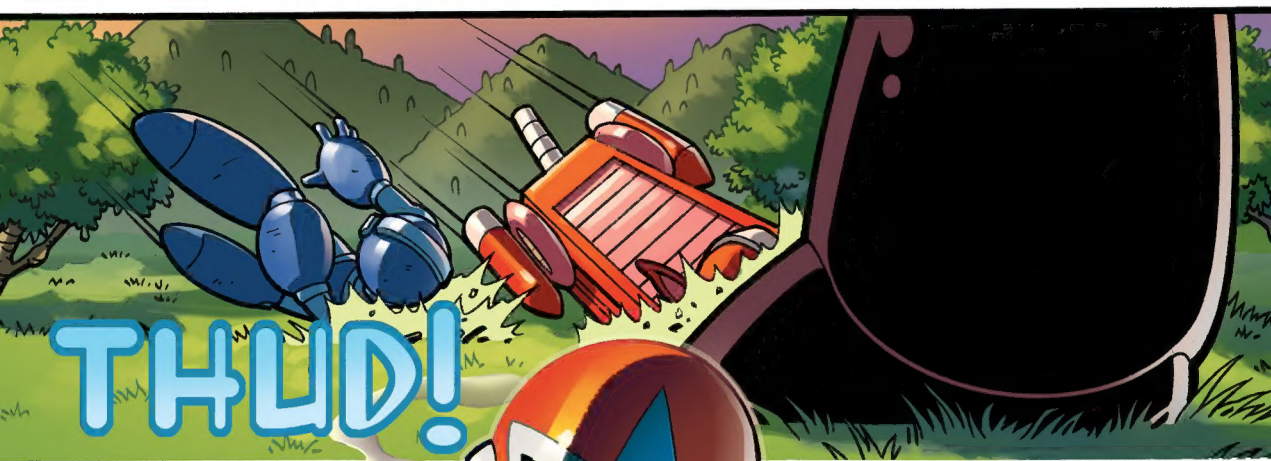


ARGH!

BLAM!

BLAM!

YIPE!



THUD!



THE DOCTOR CAN'T  
SEE YOU RIGHT NOW.  
HE'S BUSY WITH  
SOMEONE ELSE.

BREAK MAN  
ROBOT OF  
MYSTERY

MEAN-  
WHILE,  
INSIDE  
LIGHT  
LABS...

HONESTLY,  
THOMAS!  
STOP BEING  
DIFFICULT!

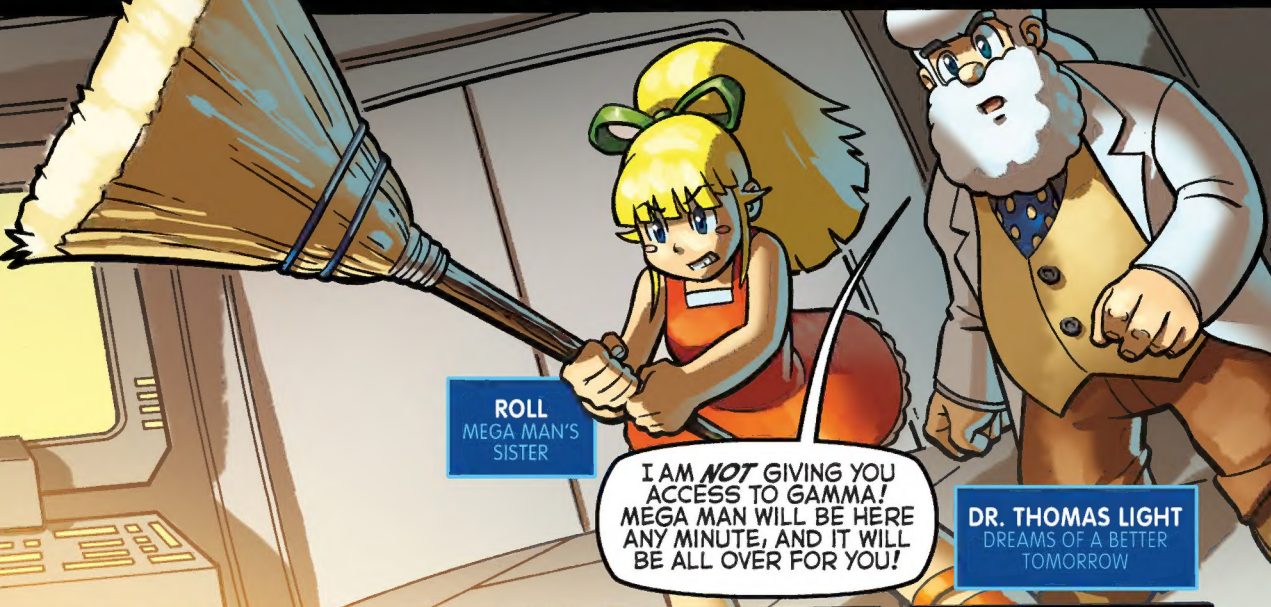
SHOULD WE FAN  
THE FLAMES, SIR?

OR JUST  
BLOW MORE  
STUFF UP?!

**DR. ALBERT W. WILY**  
MADMAN

NEITHER WILL BE  
NECESSARY--*IF*  
TOM THERE  
COOPERATES!

**DOC ROBOT**  
MODEL #: K-176  
COMPOSITE ROBOT  
MASTER  
[DANGEROUSLY  
OVERLOADED WITH  
MULTIPLE I.C. CHIPS]



**ROLL**  
MEGA MAN'S  
SISTER

I AM *NOT* GIVING YOU  
ACCESS TO GAMMA!  
MEGA MAN WILL BE HERE  
ANY MINUTE, AND IT WILL  
BE ALL OVER FOR YOU!

**DR. THOMAS LIGHT**  
DREAMS OF A BETTER  
TOMORROW



AH, YES! YOUR PRECIOUS  
*SECOND* SON, WHO BARELY  
SURVIVED FIGHTING EIGHT  
OF MY GLORIOUS ROBOT  
MASTERS.

LET HIM  
COME!  
WE'RE *ALL*  
DYING  
FOR A  
REMATCH!

HEH HEH, TOO  
BAD. BREAK MAN  
IS HANDLING  
THINGS.



"BREAK MAN."  
YOU THINK I  
DON'T RECOG-  
NIZE MY OWN  
BOY?!



HE'S  
*MINE*  
NOW.

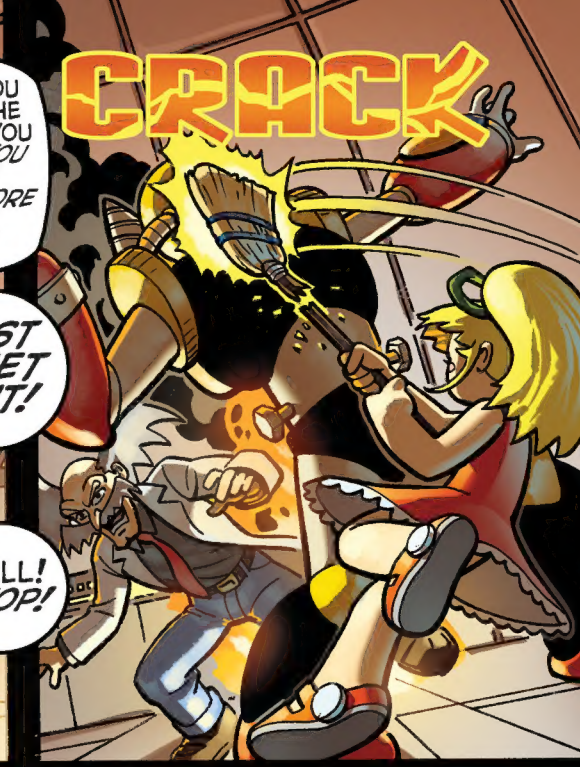


YOU *LIED!* YOU LIED TO US THE WHOLE TIME! YOU HURT AUTO! YOU PUT ROCK THROUGH MORE HORRIBLE FIGHTING!

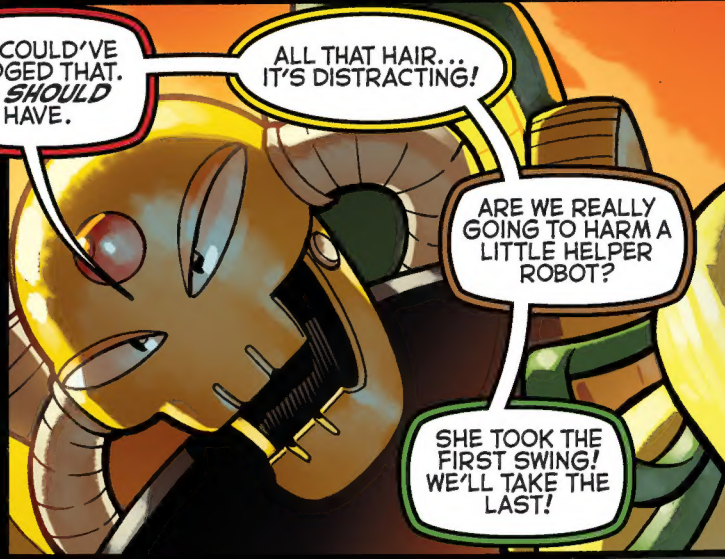
JUST --GET OUT!

ROLL! STOP!

# CRACK



WE COULD'VE DODGED THAT. WE *SHOULD* HAVE.



ALL THAT HAIR... IT'S DISTRACTING!

ARE WE REALLY GOING TO HARM A LITTLE HELPER ROBOT?

SHE TOOK THE FIRST SWING! WE'LL TAKE THE LAST!



# WOOOOSH!

EEEEK!



THAT WAS WEAK SAUCE! SWITCHING WEAPONS!

WE ARE *NOT* SHOOTING A CHILD!

YES WE ARE!

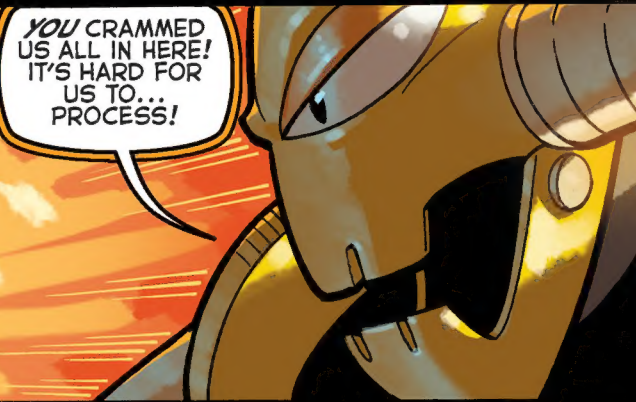
WHIRRR-  
MICK!

SADASH!

ROLL!



CAREFUL WITH THE SPLASH DAMAGE!



*YOU* CRAMMED US ALL IN HERE! IT'S HARD FOR US TO... PROCESS!



WHAT CAN I SAY? MY *DIVERSE OPERATIONS CIRCUIT* ROBOT IS A LITTLE BUGGY. WHY DON'T YOU JUST HAND OVER THE KEYS TO GAMMA BEFORE "DOC" HERE DOES SOMETHING *REGRETTABLE*?

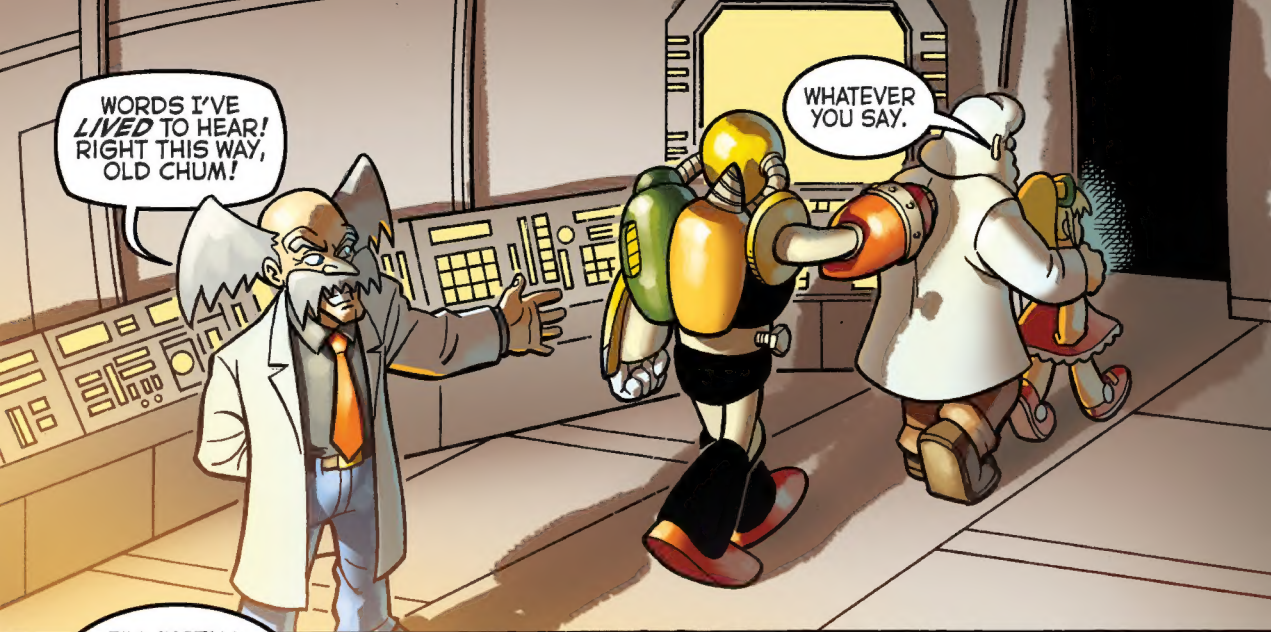
THERE'S NO TELLING *WHAT* WE'LL SHOOT NEXT!



DON'T.



FINE, ALBERT. YOU WIN.



WORDS I'VE LIVED TO HEAR! RIGHT THIS WAY, OLD CHUM!

WHATEVER YOU SAY.



I'LL INSTALL THESE LAST TWO ENERGY ELEMENTS AND BE ON MY MERRY WAY!

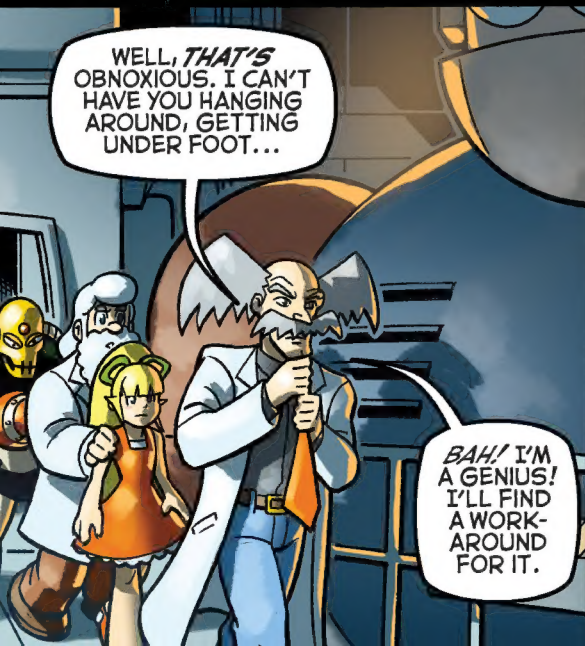
IT'S NOT THAT SIMPLE.

DON'T GET CUTE WITH ME, TOM.



I'M *NOT*. GAMMA REQUIRES A NEW ACTIVATION PASSWORD *EVERY DAY*. IT'S A RANDOM WORD OF MY CHOICE, AND *ONLY* BY MY VOICE IMPRINT.

GAMMA WON'T OPERATE WITHOUT ME.



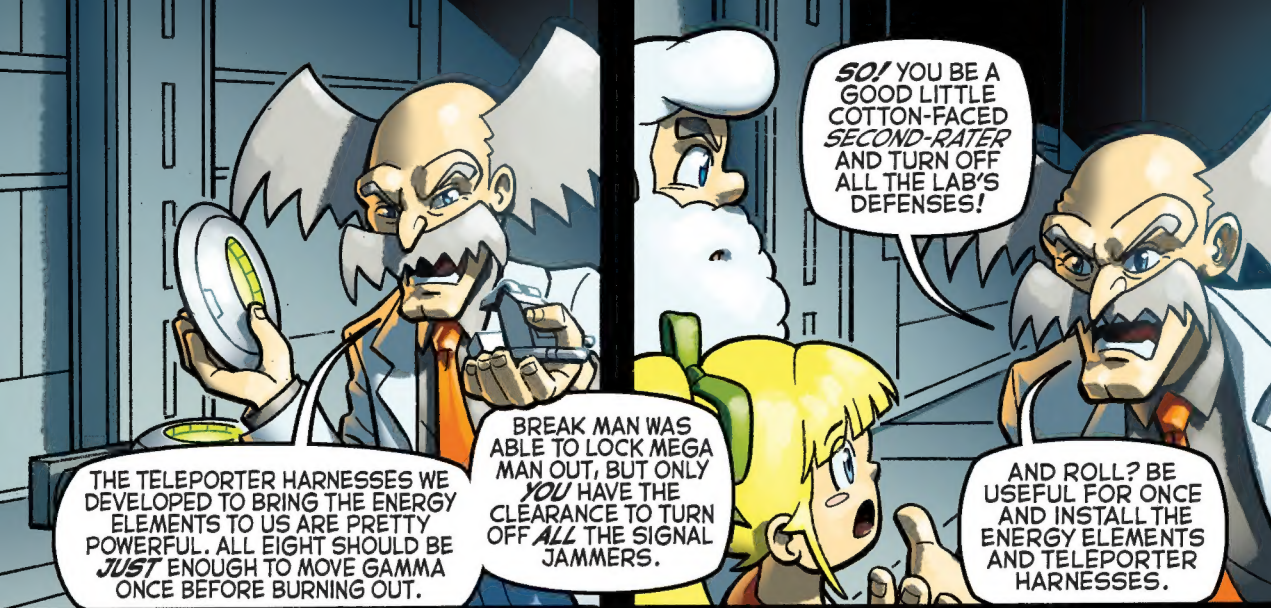
WELL, *THAT'S* OBNOXIOUS. I CAN'T HAVE YOU HANGING AROUND, GETTING UNDER FOOT...

BAH! I'M A GENIUS! I'LL FIND A WORK-AROUND FOR IT.



SO, HOW TO GET GAMMA OUT OF HERE? HMMM-MMM-MMM-AH-HA!



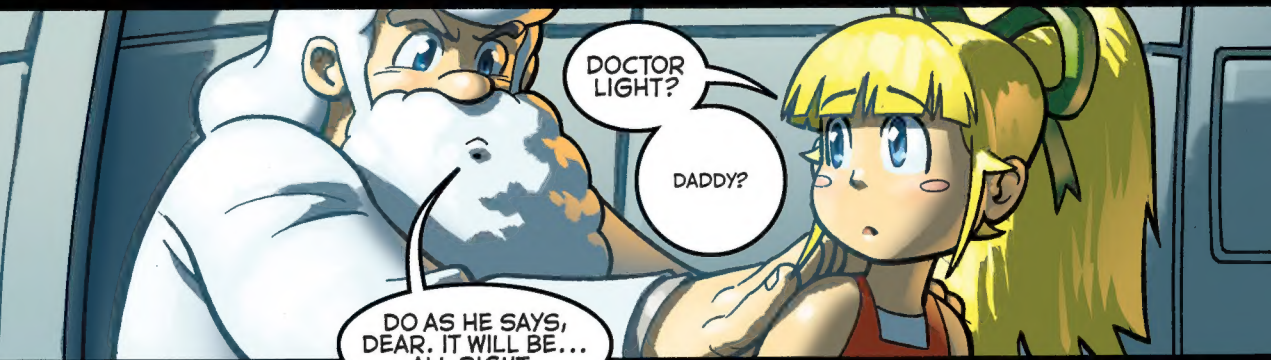


THE TELEPORTER HARNESSES WE DEVELOPED TO BRING THE ENERGY ELEMENTS TO US ARE PRETTY POWERFUL. ALL EIGHT SHOULD BE *JUST* ENOUGH TO MOVE GAMMA ONCE BEFORE BURNING OUT.

BREAK MAN WAS ABLE TO LOCK MEGA MAN OUT, BUT ONLY *YOU* HAVE THE CLEARANCE TO TURN OFF *ALL* THE SIGNAL JAMMERS.

*SO!* YOU BE A GOOD LITTLE COTTON-FACED *SECOND-RATER* AND TURN OFF ALL THE LAB'S DEFENSES!

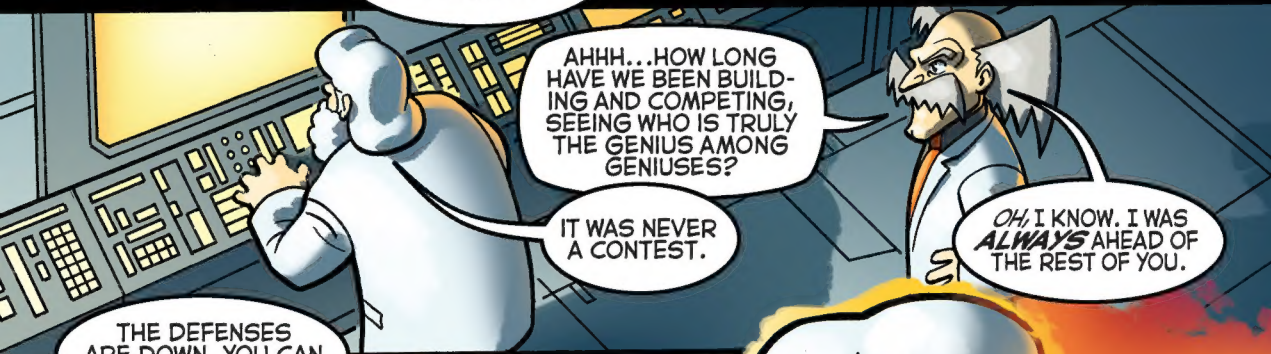
AND ROLL? BE USEFUL FOR ONCE AND INSTALL THE ENERGY ELEMENTS AND TELEPORTER HARNESSSES.



DOCTOR LIGHT?

DADDY?

DO AS HE SAYS, DEAR. IT WILL BE... ALL RIGHT.



AHHH...HOW LONG HAVE WE BEEN BUILDING AND COMPETING, SEEING WHO IS TRULY THE GENIUS AMONG GENIUSES?

IT WAS NEVER A CONTEST.

OH, I KNOW. I WAS *ALWAYS* AHEAD OF THE REST OF YOU.

THE DEFENSES ARE DOWN. YOU CAN LEAVE AT ANY TIME.

DON'T BE SUCH A SORE LOSER.

BE PROUD OF ME!

EVEN WHILE I WAS BANNED FROM ROBOTICS, EVEN HAVING TO WORK OFF YOUR SCRAPS, I MANAGED TO SURPASS YOU!





YOU FOUND BLUES.

YOU SENT HIM AGAINST ROCK.

YOU HAD HIM SHOOT ROLL.

AND YOU DID IT WHILE LOOKING ME IN THE EYE AND *SMLING*.



THAT'S ENOUGH OF THAT, DOCTOR.

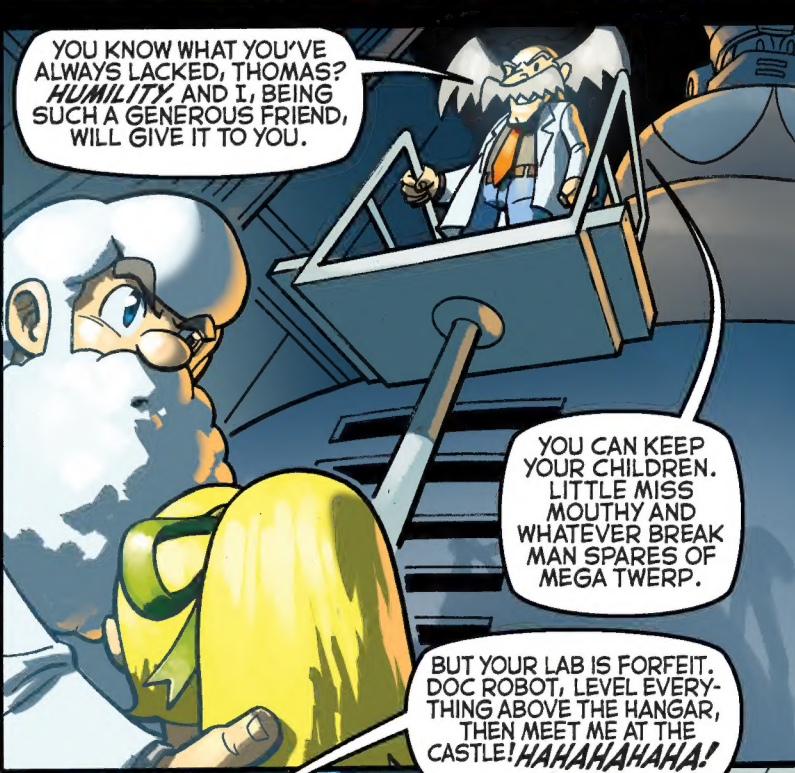
→ *AHEM* ← YES, WELL, THE JOKE'S ON *YOU* FOR BELIEVING ME.



EVERYTHING'S DONE. YOU CAN STEAL ALL OF DOCTOR LIGHT'S HARD WORK NOW. *AGAIN*.



HONESTLY, *WHY* DID HE PROGRAM SO MUCH SASS INTO YOU?



YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'VE ALWAYS LACKED, THOMAS? *HUMILITY*. AND I, BEING SUCH A GENEROUS FRIEND, WILL GIVE IT TO YOU.

YOU CAN KEEP YOUR CHILDREN. LITTLE MISS MOUTHY AND WHATEVER BREAK MAN SPARES OF MEGA TWERP.

BUT YOUR LAB IS FORFEIT. DOC ROBOT, LEVEL EVERYTHING ABOVE THE HANGAR, THEN MEET ME AT THE CASTLE! *HAHAHAHAHA!*



*NO!!!!*

OUTSIDE...

# KZZZZT!

WEAPON EQUIP!  
SPARK SHOCK

# SHING!

WEAPON EQUIP!  
SHADOW BLADE

# CHOMP!

# SHING!

# BLAM!

DON'T!

HE'S MY DOG!

AND?

AND--?!

YIPE!

HE... HE... HE HAS ALL THE I.C. CHIPS OF THE OTHER ROBOT MASTERS! IF THEY GET DAMAGED, THEIR DATA WILL BE LOST FOREVER!

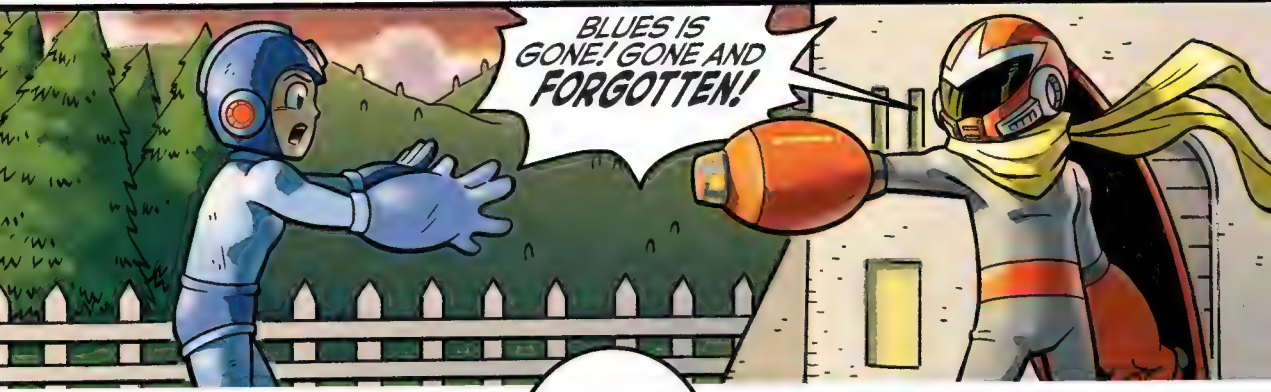


GOOD ENOUGH. FUNNY, THOUGH, COMING FROM THEIR EXECUTIONER.



I DON'T WANT TO FIGHT ANYBODY! NOT EVEN YOU!

WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS, BLUES? WHY ARE YOU HELPING--?



BLUES IS GONE! GONE AND FORGOTTEN!



I AM BREAK M--!





DOCTOR WILY?!

HAHAHA! IS THE LAB GONE? WAS IT GLORIOUS? AHH... DON'T WORRY, BREAK MAN, I'M FINE AND BACK AT THE CASTLE.

WHAT ABOUT DOCTOR LIGHT AND ROLL?

WATCH YOUR TONE! I'M VENGEFUL, BUT I'M NOT A MONSTER. THEY'RE IN GAMMA'S BUNKER.

THEY'RE SAFE, THEN. ALIVE.

WHAT DO YOU CARE? GET BACK TO BASE WHEN YOU'RE DONE WITH MEGA BRAT.



YOU...YOU...!

SAVE IT. YOU'RE IN NO CONDITION TO FIGHT ME.



HERE.

REPAIR. REFUEL.

MEET ME AT THE COORDINATES ON THAT DRIVE.

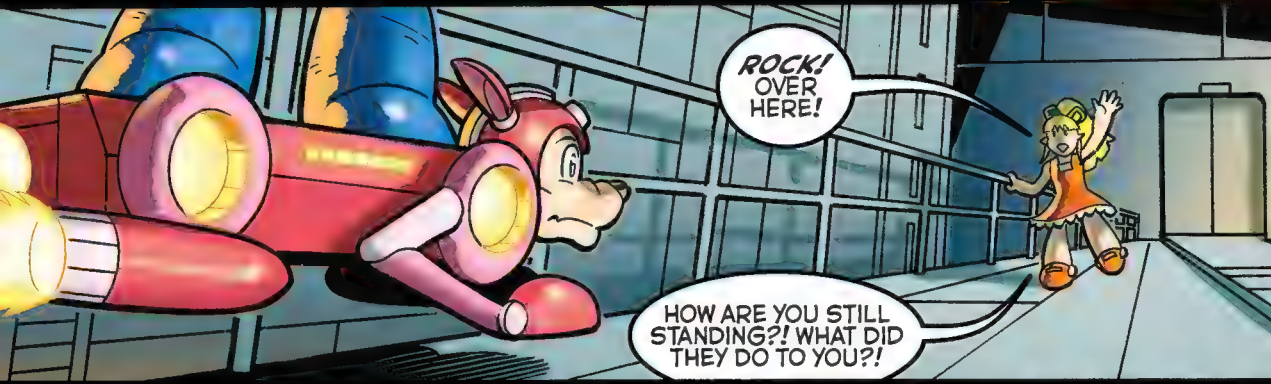
WE'LL FINISH THINGS THEN.



BWOOP-Whip

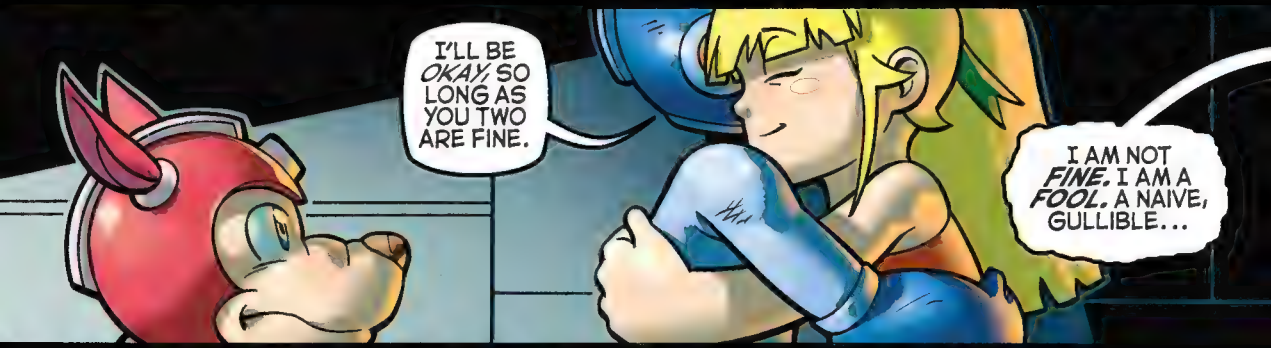


ROLL?!  
DAD?!



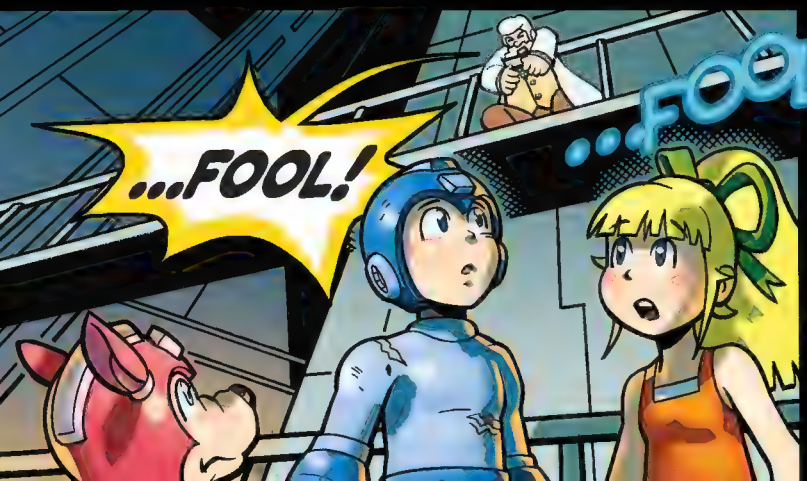
ROCK!  
OVER  
HERE!

HOW ARE YOU STILL  
STANDING?! WHAT DID  
THEY DO TO YOU?!

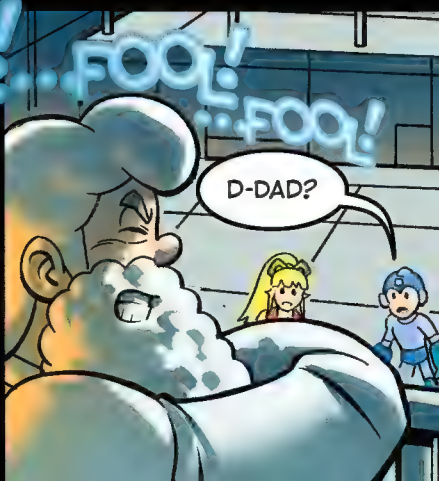


I'LL BE  
OKAY, SO  
LONG AS  
YOU TWO  
ARE FINE.

I AM NOT  
FINE. I AM A  
FOOL. A NAIVE,  
GULLIBLE...




...FOOL!




...FOOL!...FOO!  
...FOO!

D-DAD?

A close-up of Dr. Wily, an elderly man with a large white beard and glasses, wearing a white lab coat over a yellow shirt and brown pants. He is standing on a balcony with a metal railing, gesturing with his right hand.

I JUST HANDED THE MOST POWERFUL PIECE OF MACHINERY IN THE WORLD TO A MADMAN COMPLETELY DEVOID OF ANY SCRUPLES!

A close-up of Dr. Wily's face, showing him in a state of intense distress. He is holding his head with both hands, his eyes are squeezed shut, and his mouth is open in a scream.

BUT WHAT ELSE COULD I DO? I COULDN'T LET HIM HURT MY CHILDREN! I ALREADY LOST *ONE* TO HIM! I CAN'T LOSE ANY MORE!

Dr. Wily is shown from a distance on the balcony, shouting with his arms raised in a gesture of defiance or despair.

NO! I'LL JUST LOSE MY ROBOT MASTERS! AND GAMMA! AND MY DESIGNS! AND MY HOPES! MY DREAMS!

A jagged speech bubble containing Dr. Wily's final, desperate declaration.

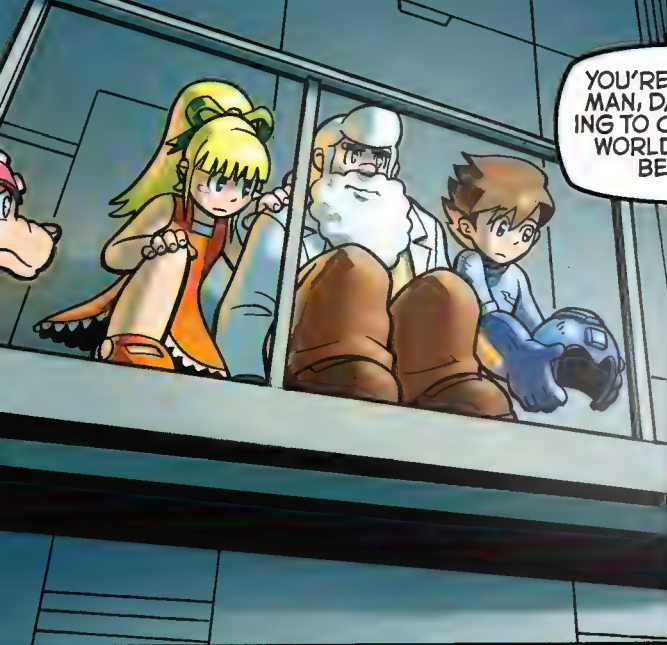
AND THE WORLD CAN PAY THE PRICE!

Dr. Wily is shown from the side, looking down with a heavy, despairing expression. His hands are clasped together in front of him.

HE WAS MY FRIEND. I TRUSTED HIM. BECAUSE THERE IS GOOD IN EVERYONE. ISN'T THERE? AM I *THAT* DELUDED...?





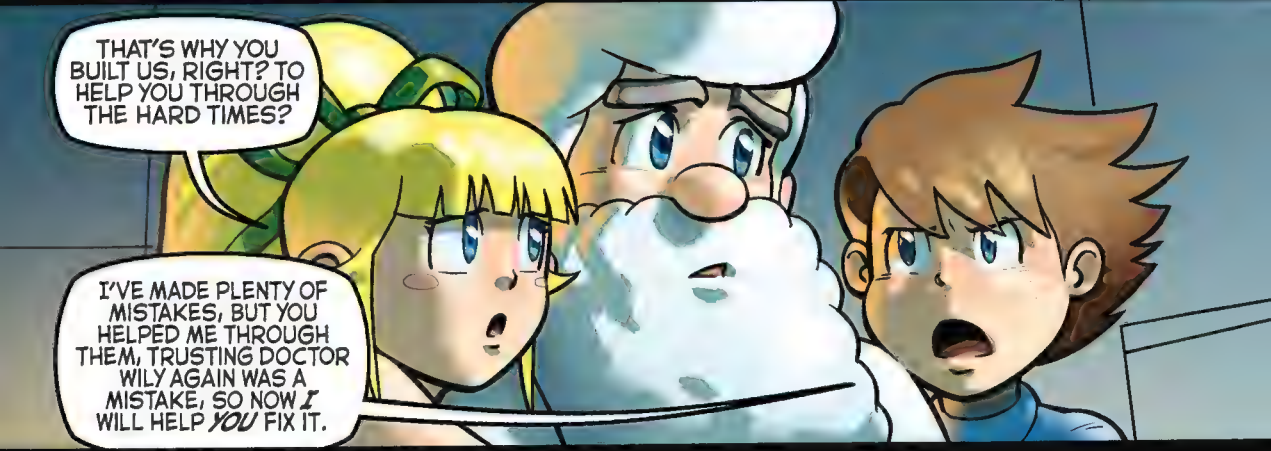


YOU'RE JUST ONE MAN, DADDY. TRYING TO CHANGE THE WORLD FOR THE BETTER.

AND YOU DID. THE ROBOT MASTERS AND OTHER ROBOTS HELPED THE WORLD BOUNCE BACK AFTER RA MOON.\*



\* MEGA MAN VOLUME 7.



THAT'S WHY YOU BUILT US, RIGHT? TO HELP YOU THROUGH THE HARD TIMES?

I'VE MADE PLENTY OF MISTAKES, BUT YOU HELPED ME THROUGH THEM, TRUSTING DOCTOR WILY AGAIN WAS A MISTAKE, SO NOW I WILL HELP YOU FIX IT.



IT'S WHAT I'M COUNTING ON. HEAVEN HELP YOU...MY FIRST THOUGHT WAS, "MEGA MAN WILL SAVE US."



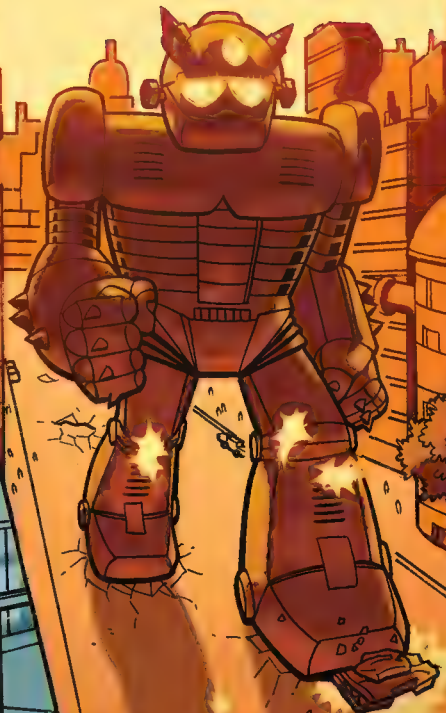
I HAVE NO RIGHT TO ASK THIS, BUT...

...WILL YOU SAVE THE WORLD ONE MORE TIME? WILL YOU BE THE COURAGE AND STRENGTH I LACK?

I'M YOUR SON. OF COURSE I WILL.



WE *MUST* HURRY. IF DR. WILY GAINS CONTROL OF GAMMA AND UN-LEASHES IT UPON THE WORLD, *NOTHING* WILL BE ABLE TO STOP HIM.



I HEARD... *BREAK MAN* TALKING TO DR. WILY. THEY'VE RETREATED TO A NEW CASTLE. *BREAK MAN* GAVE ME ITS COORDINATES.

*WHY?!* HE'S AS BAD AS WILY, TOYING WITH US! IT'S PROBABLY A TRAP!



NO... I DOUBT THAT. HE *DID* GIVE US THE KEY TO RESISTING RA MOON'S POWER BEFORE. \* I BELIEVE HE EARNESTLY WANTS TO FACE MEGA MAN.

\* MEGA MAN VOL. 10 "BLACK-OUT."

YOU AND RUSH WILL NEED TO BE REPAIRED AND RE-ARMED. WE'LL NEED AUTO'S HELP, BUT HE'S BEEN BADLY DAMAGED, TOO. YOU'LL FIND HIM... IN WHAT'S LEFT OF THE LAB.

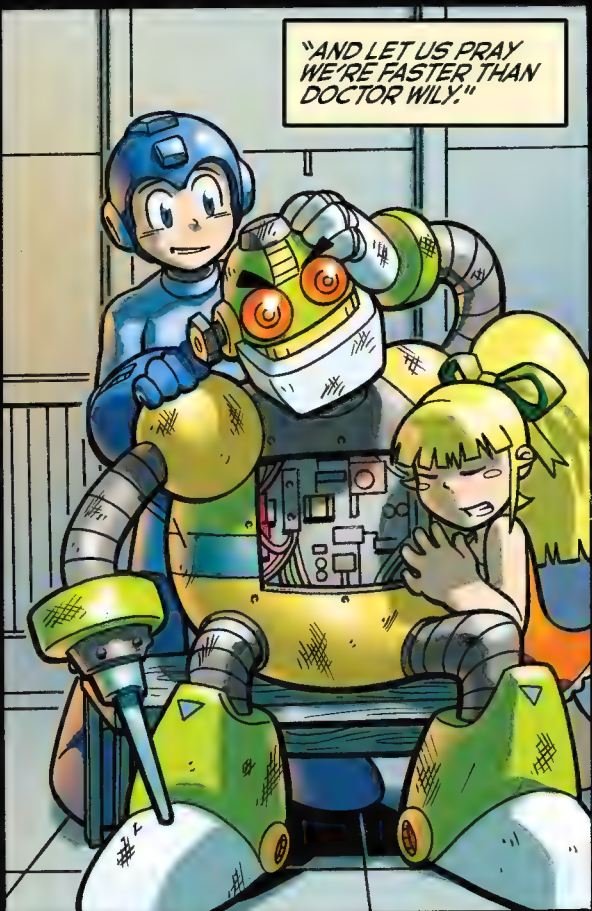
WHAT ABOUT THE LAB?

WE'LL REBUILD ONCE THIS IS ALL OVER. WE HAVE ENOUGH SUPPLIES AND TOOLS DOWN HERE TO DO WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE FOR NOW.

OH, NO--AUTO! C'MON, RUSH!



"AND LET US PRAY  
WE'RE FASTER THAN  
DOCTOR WILY."





AND SO...

I FEEL LIKE A MILLION ZENNY!  
THANKS, EVERYONE!

BE CAREFUL,  
ROCK!

GIVE HIM ONE  
FOR ME, BIG  
BLUE!



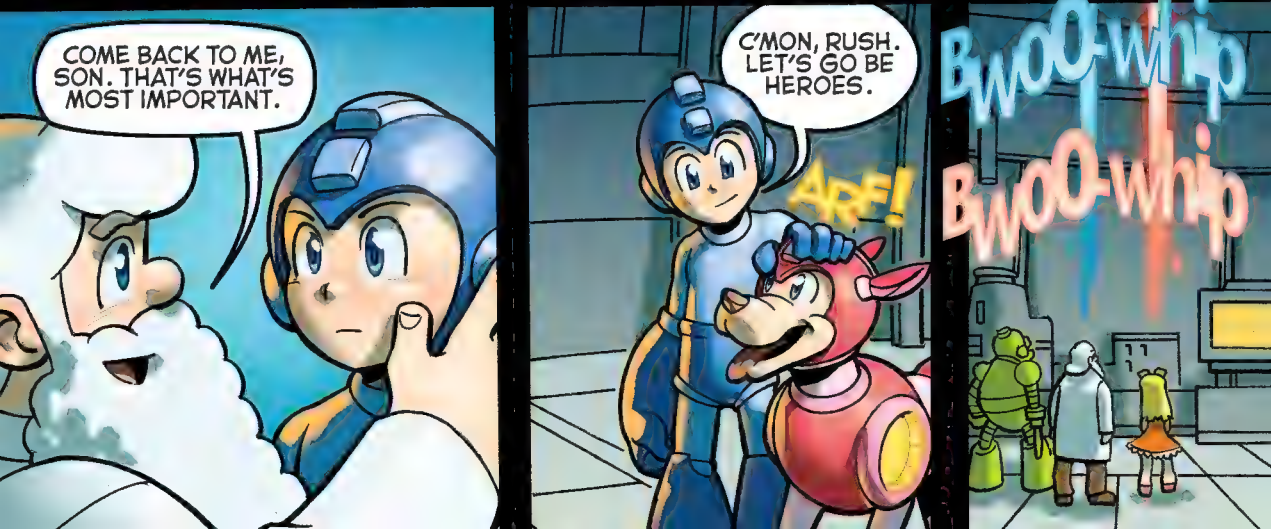
THIS IS IT, SON. WITH  
THE LAB RUINED, I  
WON'T BE ABLE TO LOOK  
AFTER YOU. ONCE YOU  
HEAD OUT, YOU'RE ON  
YOUR OWN.

I KNOW. YOU'VE  
PREPARED ME  
FOR IT. I'LL  
FINALLY PUT AN  
END TO THIS,  
DAD.



COME BACK TO ME,  
SON. THAT'S WHAT'S  
MOST IMPORTANT.

C'MON, RUSH.  
LET'S GO BE  
HEROES.





**THIS IS IT!** AFTER ALL THE *DELAYS* AND *FALSE STARTS!*  
**MEGA MAN VERSUS BREAK MAN--**  
***NOTHING* HELD BACK!**

UNTIL THEN, CATCH UP ON ALL THE PAST ACTION WITH THE GRAPHIC NOVEL LIBRARY!



**Angel S.**  
from Merida



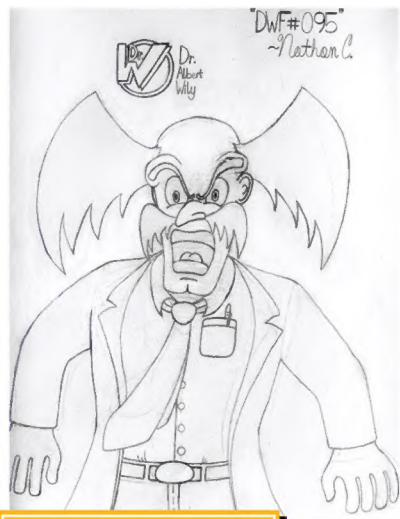
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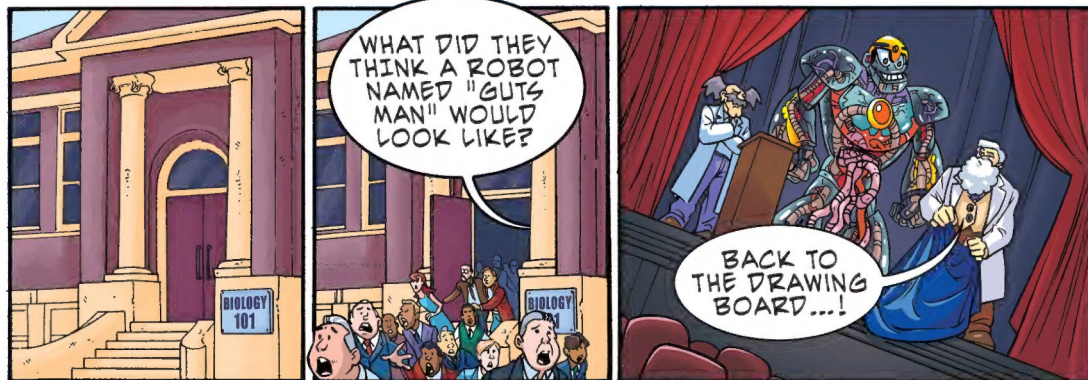


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# - SHORT CIRCUITS -

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### Dear Mega-Mail,

Issues #42 and 43 have been my favorite issues so far. It was pretty depressing, if not tragic, how Quick Man, Needle Man and Magnet Man spoke about their lack of free will.

*Hello there! Yes, it's unfortunate that the Robot Masters can only function within the limits of what their programming allows them to do. They could be doing much more than carrying out Dr. Wily's ambitions, but I suppose that's how it goes when you're working under the influence of an evil mad man!*

Needle Man's dialogue with Mega Man almost paints Mega Man as a tragic hero.

*It's a tough job and Mega Man would rather not do it, but his will to help people is strong and he'll do all he can to save the world!*

I'm sure this won't be the last time we'll see a character have an internal struggle like this (X). Speaking of which, I hope we get to see more X in the future! Perhaps a graphic novel of the first Mega Man X game?

**Jake S. sent to  
MegaMan@ArchieComics.com**

*Thanks, Jake! That sure would be something! While I can't give away too much, I think you'll be pleasantly surprised with what we have in store for all you Mega-Fans down the road, including X's inclusion in Worlds Unite!*

### Dear Mega-Mail,

Hi there! I think that out of all the adaptations of the Mega Man games you've done so far, this Mega Man 3 one is the best. It was fun seeing everything build up to it.

*A lot of time and planning is put in to these stories! Glad to*

### *hear it's paying off!*

I really liked the ending of issue 43. It was like I was watching a scary movie! I also liked what Needle Man said about all that robots do is fight. It's a really emotional scene that was really thoroughly written, so yay for Ian Flynn for making such a good, scratch that, AWESOME script.

*There were so many great moments and there are still more to come! Also, I second your "yay" for Ian!*

In closing I would like to ask for the spot of Bright Man's #1 fan. Thanks!

**Ethan B. sent to  
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*Thanks for writing to us, Ethan (aka Bright Man's #1 fan)!*

*See y'all next time for "The Ultimate Betrayal" part two!*

## COMING SOON!





**NEXT ISSUE:**



**THE ULTIMATE BETRAYAL**

PART TWO OF FOUR